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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Not entered): A manufacturing method of a polarizing film comprising steps of:

contacting a protective film (B) comprising at least two layers having different softening points onto at least one face of a polarizer (A) comprising a stretched polymer film made of dyed hydrophilic polymer film, without using an adhesive, and

thermocompression bonding.

- 2. (Original): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 1, wherein a heating treatment is performed from a side of the protective film (B).
- 3. (Original): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 1, wherein a heating treatment period of time is not more than five seconds.
- 4. (Original): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 1, wherein a heating treatment temperature is not less than 90°C.
- 5. (Original): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 1, wherein a pressurization is performed by applying a linear loads pressure at not less than 5 N/cm.
- 6. (Original): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 1, wherein thermocompression bonding is performed by applying a heating treatment and a pressurization simultaneously.
  - 7-9. (Canceled)
  - 10. (Previously presented): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to

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claim 5, wherein the pressurization is performed at not less than 20 N/cm.

- 11. (Canceled)
- 12. (Not entered): The manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein a softening point of a layer having a low softening point is not less than 80°C.
- 13. (Not entered): The manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein a softening point of a layer having a low softening point is not less than 90°C.
- 14. (Not entered): The manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein a difference between softening points of the layers is not less than 5°C.
- 15. (Not entered): The manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein a difference between softening points of the layers is not less than 10°C.

16-18. (Canceled)